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Re: GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT;
JEANNE DE MOHRENSCHILDT

Mr. RODHEN DESHERREAU of the Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire (DST), French domestic counter-espionage service, advised on March 24, 1964, that the files of the DST and other French police services have been checked regarding VERA LIPOVATZ and her sister, HELEN YOURIEVITCH. The DST files reflect that VERA LIPOVATZ, also known as VERA DE LIPOVATZ, divorced from SCHMIDT, was born on April 19, 1903, at Gradjave, Yugoslavia. According to the DST records, she became a naturalized American citizen in 1947. Her daughter, YOLANDE, is married to PIERRE GIRAUD, a Frenchman, and as of 1954 resided at 45 rue de Lisbonne, Paris. In 1954 VERA LIPOVATZ resided at 10 rue Blacas, Nice, France, and was known as an active Yugoslav "Royalist", an anti-Titoist, anti-Communist, and active in Yugoslav anti-Communist emigré groups. The DST files contained no derogatory information regarding VERA LIPOVATZ and no information to indicate that she has been involved in subversive activities in France. Likewise, these files contained no information to confirm allegations that HELEN YOURIEVITCH, sister of VERA LIPOVATZ, is involved in subversive activities in France. Both VERA LIPOVATZ and HELEN YOURIEVITCH are unknown in the files of the French criminal police.

VERA LIPOVATZ was interviewed on March 31, 1964, at the apartment of her daughter, Mrs. PIERRE GIRAUD, 45 rue de Lisbonne, Paris 8. She advised that she first met GEORGE DE MOHRENSCHILDT in New York City in 1939. She has known him as a long-time acquaintance but not as a close friend since that time. During the time she resided in the United States, until about 1952, she saw DE MOHRENSCHILDT occasionally but not too frequently since he resided in Dallas, Texas, and she resided in New York City. Since she returned to Europe for residence in 1952, she has seen DE MOHRENSCHILDT on only two occasions in the past twelve years. Those occasions were during brief visits of DE MOHRENSCHILDT to Paris.

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Mrs. LIPOVATZ advised that she has carried on a rather regular correspondence with DE MOHRENSCHILDT, exchanging letters several times per year. Following the assassination of President KENNEDY in November, 1963, DE MOHRENSCHILDT mentioned in a letter to Mrs. LIPOVATZ that he had known the wife of LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Dallas and that it was his opinion that OSWALD was "crazy". He did not specify in the letter how he had become acquainted with Mrs. OSWALD, and it was puzzling to Mrs. LIPOVATZ since Mrs. OSWALD was obviously a Communist prior to her departure from the Soviet Union and DE MOHRENSCHILDT has always considered himself a White Russian and anti-Communist. Mrs. LIPOVATZ has destroyed the letter mentioned above and could furnish no further specific information regarding DE MOHRENSCHILDT's remarks pertaining to the President's assassination.

Mrs. LIPOVATZ considers DE MOHRENSCHILDT somewhat of a complex individual. In order to explain this remark she stated that while living in the United States he appears to be critical of the United States and Americans, but when visiting France or another country, he has the same reaction toward that country and the people residing there. She states that he is a "ladies' man" and she doubts very strongly any homosexual tendencies. She stated that he has been married on several occasions and has three children.

Mrs. LIPOVATZ explained that she became a naturalized American citizen in 1947 and later lost her American citizenship while residing in France because of her failure to return to the United States. She is presently considered a "stateless person".

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